

I. AMENDMENT

In the specification:

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The present invention is an improved table saw. Figure 1 is a front view of the preferred embodiment of the table saw 10 of the present invention. Table saw 10 includes fence assembly 12 and miter gauge assembly 14. Table saw 10 also includes a saw blade 16 with a guard 18, a table 20 with an upper surface 22, a base 24 and a front rail 34. Figure 2 is a side view of the preferred embodiment of the table saw 10 of the present invention. Figure 2 also shows handle cam 46 and microadjust assembly 30 of the preferred embodiment of fence assembly 12 of table saw 10 of the present invention.

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Handle cam 46 is operatively connected to the first end of fence lock rod 50. The second end of fence lock rod 50 is operatively connected to locking pawl 44. Locking pawl 44 is preferably constructed of a single material and slidably engages rear rail 36. However, locking pawl 44 can be constructed out of more than one material and can be formed into many different shapes.

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Fence assembly 12 is locked into position on upper surface 22 of table 20 for a predetermined distance from saw blade 16 by movement of handle cam 46. When handle cam 46 is in its up position, there is no tension pressure applied to fence lock rod 50, and therefore, no clamping pressure applied to rear rail 36 by locking pawl 44. However, when handle cam 46 is pushed downward by an operator, the camming portion 52 of handle cam 46 provides a tension force to fence lock rod 50. The tension force applied to fence lock rod 50 causes locking pawl 44 to apply a clamping pressure to rear rail 36 and, thus, secures fence assembly 12 in place at a predetermined distance from saw blade 16. Handle cam 46 rotates within annular bearings 48, and therefore, annular bearings 48 provide the wear surface for handle cam 46. The use of the